

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 20 with the following paragraph, wherein strikethrough represents deletion and underlining represents addition:

FIG. 6A. The mouse α 2MR cDNA (SEQ ID NO:1) and predicted open reading frame of murine α 2MR protein (Genbank accession no. CAA47817). B. The murine ~~α 2M α 2MR~~ protein (SEQ ID NO:2), ~~with residues identified by microsequencing an 80 kDa, gp96 interacting fragment of the receptor highlighted in bold.~~